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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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1. On 30 September 1970 a meeting was held at the General Services Administration (GSA) in the Office of the Commissioner, Property Management and Disposal Service (PM&DS). The purpose was to brief appropriate GSA officials on the Agency's current interest in the Scattergood-Thorne property and a portion of the BPR land at Langley. In attendance were the following:

CIA - Mr. Robert L. Bannerman, Deputy Director for Support; Mr. John F. Blake, Director of Logistics, DDS; [REDACTED], Chief, Real Estate Branch, OL/DDS.

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GSA - Mr. Daniel T. Kingsley, Commissioner, Property Management and Disposal Service; Mr. Walter C. Moreland, Deputy Commissioner; Mr. Raphael I. Nixon, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Office of Operational Planning; Mr. Roy S. Eckert, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Operational Planning; Mr. L. E. "Gene" Nunnally, Regional Director, Regional Property Management and Disposal Service (Region 3).

2. The meeting was predicated upon a suggestion made by Mr. Moreland to the undersigned on 29 June 1970 (see OL 0 3870) that, in view of the impending GSA excess property survey of the BPR land at Langley, the Agency should be prepared to pursue its interests in the subject property by having a 'usage' plan.

3. Mr. Bannerman expressed his appreciation to those present for their interest in our problems, and briefly reiterated the continuing interest the Agency had expressed over a period of

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years, both to the GSA and others (including BPR, Department of Commerce, and the Federal Highway Administrator) regarding the subject property including the Scattergood-Thorne Tract. Mr. Bannerman indicated that although the Agency had no imminent plans for construction on the subject land he nevertheless felt that it was essential at this time, in view of GSA's current action in making an excess property survey of the BPR installation, to express the Agency's need for additional area and space in the Headquarters (Langley) area, so that any disposal action on the part of GSA would include a consideration of the Agency's requirements. Mr. Bannerman presented to Mr. Kingsley photographic copies of two topographical plans showing the Agency's current location on the Langley property and the additional area with an artist's concept of possible buildings and parking areas needed for an orderly continuation of Agency functions. (This additional area composed of the Scattergood-Thorne property and a section of BPR's current holdings totals 164 acres). Mr. Bannerman explained that the terrain (ridges, gulleys, and hills) and the traffic flow in the existing Agency area seriously limits additional construction. He also mentioned the need for more building space necessitated by increasing sophistication of intelligence developments, and the desirability to consolidate such buildings at Langley to improve security and administrative efficiency. Mr. Bannerman assured those present that the Agency has always been and will continue to be above board with BPR and there was no desire to interfere in any way with their interests. For this reason, Mr. Bannerman explained, he had, prior to the subject meeting, briefed Mr. Charles F. Scheffey, Director of Research, Federal Highway Administration, of the action the Agency was taking with GSA on this matter. Also, prior correspondence between the Agency and BPR substantiates this policy.

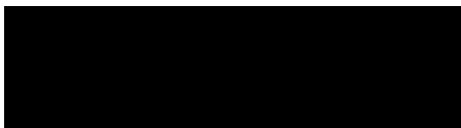
4. Mr. Nunnally advised that GSA's report on the excess property survey of the BPR land was completed and would be discussed with appropriate BPR officials.

5. Mr. Kingsley advised Mr. Bannerman that he felt the action Mr. Bannerman had taken in briefing the General Services Administration on the subject matter at this time was most appropriate and the Agency's interests would be officially recognized. In direct response to Mr. Bannerman's question,

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whether or not a formal letter reiterating the Agency's position as outlined should be directed to GSA, Mr. Kingsley replied that he did not consider it necessary.

8. Mr. Moreland advised the undersigned that he would continue to keep him advised regarding further developments.



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